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USUN FORWARDED NOTE DATED MARCH 28, 1975 IN REPLY
TO SMUN'S NOTE NO. 146. TEXT OF USUN'S NOTE IS AS
FOLLOWS:

QUOTE

THE MISSION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE UNITED
NATIONS PRESENTS IT COMPLIMENTS TO THE PERMANENT MISSION
OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS TO THE
UNITED NATIONS AND HAS THE HONOR TO REFER TO ITS NOTE
NO. 146 CONCERNING THE QUESTION OF ADDITIONAL PARKING
PLACES FOR SOVIET MISSION VEHICLES.

THE UNITED STATES MISSION IS PLEASED TO INFORM THE
SOVIET MISSION THAT IN RESPONSE TO ITS REQUEST, NEW YORK
CITY AUTHORITIES HAVE AGREED TO PROVIDE TWO ADDITIONAL
PARKING SPACES FOR VEHICLES OF THE SOVIET MISSION.
THESE ADDITIONAL PARKING PLACES WILL BE SET ASIDE ABOUT
APRIL 1, 1975 AND WILL BE LOCATED ON LEXINGTON AVENUE
AT THE CORNER OF 66TH STREET. AS A RESULT OF THIS
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DECISION, ALL OF THE EAST SIDE OF LEXINGTON AVENUE

BETWEEN EAST 66TH STREET AND EAST 67TH STREET WILL BE RESERVED FOR SOVIET DIPLOMATIC PARKING. THIS MAKES A TOTAL OF SIX SPACES ASSIGNED TO THE SOVIET MISSION, TWO SPACES TO THE BYELORUSSIAN MISSION AND TWO SPACES FOR THE UKRAINIAN MISSION.

NEW YORK CITY AUTHORITIES, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE UNITED STATES MISSION, HAVE AGREED TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF DPL PARKING SPACES ASSIGNED TO THE SOVIET MISSION IN RECOGNITION OF THE NEEDS OF THAT MISSION. AT THE SAME TIME, THE UNITED STATES MISSION AS STATED IN ITS NOTE OF JANUARY 30, 1975 EXPECTS AN IMMEDIATE AND SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT IN PARKING PRACTICES OF MEMBERS OF THE SOVIET MISSION. THE UNITED STATES MISSION ALSO WISHES TO INFORM THAT SOVIET MISSION THAT LOCAL AUTHORITIES HAVE GIVEN ASSURANCES THAT THEY WILL ENDEAVOR TO TICKET ALL NON-DPL VEHICLES PARKED ILLEGALLY IN SOVIET MISSION SPACES AND, IF TIME ALLOWS, TO TOW SUCH NON-DPL VEHICLES FROM THESE SPACES.

THE UNITED STATES MISSION AVAIL ITSELF OF THIS OCCASION TO OBSERVE THAT IT WOULD BE INCORRECT TO ATTEMPT TO DRAW A COMPARISON BETWEEN THE PARKING SITUATION IN MOSCOW WITH THAT EXISTING IN NEW YORK CITY. THIS QUESTION IS PURELY A MATTER OF CONCERN TO THE SOVIET MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND TO NEW YORK CITY AUTHORITIES, AND THE UNITED STATES MISSION IS CONVINCED THAT ANY DISAGREEMENTS CAN AND SHOULD BE WORKED OUT LOCALLY WITH GOOD WILL SHOWN ON BOTH SIDES.

IT IS THE FIRM VIEW OF THE UNITED STATES MISSION THAT THE ASSIGNMENT OF RESERVED DIPLOMATIC PARKING SPACES IS COURTESY AND STRICTLY THAT. IT IS NOT A DUTY NOR AN OBLIGATION OF THE HOST STATE. IN ORDER FOR A SENDING STATE TO FULFILL ITS RESPONSIBILITIES AND TO CARRY OUT ITS FUNCTIONS, IT MUST HAVE ADEQUATE MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS. NEW YORK CITY IS HIGHLY QUALIFIED IN THIS REGARD. MEAN OF LOCAL TRANSPORTATION ARE WELL DEVELOPED AND THE NEED FOR PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION IS NOT SELF-EVIDENT. THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE PROBLEM OF UNCLASSIFIED

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PARKING CAN BE RESOLVED MERELY BY SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASING THE NUMBER OF RESERVED DIPLOMATIC PARKING SPACES IN UNREALISTIC. AS THE UNITED STATES MISSION POINTED OUT IN THE COMMITTEE ON HOST COUNTRY RELATIONS IN 1974, ASSIGNMENT OF RESERVED SPACES FOR DIPLOMATIC VEHICLES AND FOR CONSULAR VEHICLES IN MID-TOWN MANHATTAN WOULD REQUIRE SETTING ASIDE ALMOST ALL STREETS AND AVENUES IN THE MID-592, -43- *49. *84 5 AVENUE TO FIFTH AVENUE FOR DPL/FC

VEHICLES. IF A

MISSION WISHES TO HAVE AT ITS DISPOSAL

A LARGE NUMBER OF VEHICLES, IT HAS REALLY ONLY ONE TRUE
OPTION. THIS IS, IT SHOULD OBTAIN ADEQUATE OFF-STREET PARK-
ING FOR THESE VEHICLES. THIS RECOMMENDATION WAS CONTAIN-
ED IN THE LAST REPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMITTEE
ON HOST COUNTRY RELATIONS. THE SOVIET MISSION SHOULD
EXPLORE THIS SOLUTION.

THE COOPERATION OF THE SOVIET MISSION IN SEEKING TO IMPROVE
THE PARKING SITUATION IN THE VICINITY OF THE SOVIET
MISSION IS HIGHLY DESIRABLE AND WILL CONTRIBUTE TO A
BETTER UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THAT MISSION AND THE
CITIZENS OF NEW YORK CITY. UNQUOTE
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